A.—Some representations have been received from zamindars on the subject. Section 16 of Madras Act II of 1894 provides for the punishment of village officers for misconduct or neglect of duty.

Power to zamindars of fining village officers.

484 *Q.*—Sri M. V. APPA RAO Bahadur: To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue—

(*a*) to state the number of the zamindars of this Presidency that have been entrusted with the powers of fining village officers; and

(*b*) whether it is the intention of the Government to extend such powers to other zamindars.

A.—(*a*) One hundred and twelve.

(*b*) The authority to confer on proprietors power to fine village officers under section 16 (1) of the Madras Proprietary Village Service Act, 1894, is vested in the Board of Revenue. The Board will doubtless consider applications from individual proprietors.

Mr. Yaqub Hasan's imprisonment.

485 *Q.*—C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member—

(*a*) as to whether the Government are aware that the commitment to jail of Mr. Yaqub Hasan and others has caused general dissatisfaction in this Presidency and that such dissatisfaction has found expression in numerous public meetings; and

(*b*) whether the Government will consider the desirability of releasing Mr. Yaqub Hasan and others immediately.

A.—The attention of the Honourable Member is invited to the answers given to questions Nos. 524 and 527 put by M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rao Pantulu Garu and M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu Garu respectively at the last meeting of the Legislative Council.

Imprisonment of Mr. Yaqub Hasan.

486 *Q.*—SAIYID MUHAMMAD PADSHA SAHIB Bahadur: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the commitment to jail of Mr. Yaqub Hasan and others has caused general dissatisfaction in this Presidency and whether such dissatisfaction has found expression in numerous public meetings; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to consider the desirability of releasing Mr. Yaqub Hasan and others in Malabar immediately.

A.—The attention of the Honourable Member is invited to the answers given to questions Nos. 524 and 527 put by M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rao Pantulu Garu and M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu Garu respectively at the last meeting of the Legislative Council.

Grant of lands to the depressed classes.

487 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU: To ask the Hon'ble the Law Member for a statement showing the extent of land granted to the depressed classes in each district in this Presidency during 1918–19, 1919-20 and 1920-21 and to place on the table the instructions given by the Government for the disposal of lands to the depressed classes.

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A.—The information asked for is not readily available and its compilation would take a considerable time. The following statement shows the total extent of land reserved for assignment and assigned to depressed classes in the several districts up to 31st December 1920 :—

Serial number and district.	Area of fields reserved. (In acres.)	Area of fields assigned. (In acres.)
1. The Nilgiris	181·37	..
2. Chittoor	7,070·99	404·04
3. Ramnad	1,392·15	3·29
4. Tanjore	332·86	..
5. Bellary	18,107·45	1,221·51
6. Vizagapatam	27·90	2·66
7. Guntūr	28,508·91	6,473·57
8. North Arcot	13,220·09	207·18
9. Anantapur	86,204·85	942·70
10. Nellore	27,942·35	1,736·75
11. Tinnevelly	2,592·46	139·72
12. South Arcot	21,298·07	148·97
13. Coimbatore	9,998·25	293·48
14. Kistna	20,660·07	787·26
15. Madura	Nil.	140·37
16. Salem	19,045·29	192·29
17. Trichinopoly	19,545·21	78·38

The instructions issued on the subject by the Government are those contained in the note under paragraph 9 (2) of Board's Standing Order No. 15. The matter continues to engage the close attention of the Commissioner of Labour who obtains quarterly returns from Collectors.

Subjects dealt with by the Chief Secretary after the creation of a separate Secretariat.

488 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rao Pantulu : To ask the Hon'ble the Finance Member for a statement of the subjects dealt with by the Chief Secretary to the Government after the creation of a separate Secretariat for Finance and whether there has been any reduction to the establishments of the Chief Secretariat in consequence of the constitution of the separate Secretariat for Finance.

A.—A list of the principal subjects dealt with by the Chief Secretary to Government since the appointment of a separate Secretary for Finance is laid on the table *; it is only provisional at present.

A separate Finance Secretariat has not yet been constituted; the former establishment of the Chief Secretary with some additions deals with the Financial part of the Finance Secretary's work.

Loan for housing evicted Panchamas of Mottucheri in the city.

489 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Local Self-Government whether—

(*a*) the Corporation of Madras applied for a loan of Rs. 30,000 for the construction of 100 tenements for the evicted Panchamas of Mottucheri in the Madras City, and, if so, what orders were passed by the Government thereon ; and

* Vide Appendix I on page 1024 infra.